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health professional or device user facility; and

(4) The extent to which the device is used by health professionals and device user facilities.

(b) *Submission and review.* (1) The person named in the cease distribution and notification order modified under § 810.11(e) or § 810.12(c) or mandatory recall order shall submit a copy of the proposed strategy to the agency within the timeframe specified in the order.

(2) The agency will review the proposed strategy and make any changes to the strategy that it deems necessary within 7 working days of receipt of the proposed strategy. The person named in the order shall act in accordance with a strategy determined by FDA to be appropriate.

(c) *Elements of the strategy.* A proposed strategy shall meet all of the following requirements:

(1)(i) The person named in the order shall specify the level in the chain of distribution to which the cease distribution and notification order or mandatory recall order is to extend as follows:

(A) Consumer or user level, e.g., health professionals, consignee, or device user facility level, including any intermediate wholesale or retail level; or

(B) Retail level, to the level immediately preceding the consumer or user level, and including any intermediate level; or

(C) Wholesale level.

(ii) The person named in the order shall not recall a device from individuals; and

(iii) The person named in the order shall not recall a device from device user facilities if FDA notifies the person not to do so because of a risk determination under § 810.13(c)(2).

(2) The person named in a recall order shall ensure that the strategy provides for notice to individuals subject to the risks associated with use of the recalled device. The notice may be provided through the individuals' health professionals if FDA determines that such consultation is appropriate and would be the most effective method of notifying patients.

(3) Effectiveness checks by the person named in the order are required to

verify that all health professionals, device user facilities, consignees, and individuals, as appropriate, have been notified of the cease distribution and notification order or mandatory recall order and of the need to take appropriate action. The person named in the cease distribution and notification order or the mandatory recall order shall specify in the strategy the method(s) to be used in addition to written communications as required by § 810.15, i.e., personal visits, telephone calls, or a combination thereof to contact all health professionals, device user facilities, consignees, and individuals, as appropriate. The agency may conduct additional audit checks where appropriate.

§ 810.15 Communications concerning a cease distribution and notification or mandatory recall order.

(a) *General.* The person named in a cease distribution and notification order issued under § 810.10 or a mandatory recall order issued under § 810.13 is responsible for promptly notifying each health professional, device user facility, consignee, or individual, as appropriate, of the order. In accordance with § 810.10(c) or § 810.13(b)(4), FDA may provide the person named in the cease distribution and notification or mandatory recall order with a model letter for notifying each health professional, device user facility, consignee, or individual, as appropriate, of the order. However, if FDA does not provide the person named in the cease distribution and notification or mandatory recall order with a model letter, the person named in a cease distribution and notification order issued under § 810.10, or a mandatory recall order issued under § 810.13, is responsible for providing such notification. The purpose of the communication is to convey:

(1) That FDA has found that there is a reasonable probability that use of the device would cause a serious, adverse health consequence or death;

(2) That the person named in the order has ceased distribution of the device;

(3) That health professionals and device user facilities should cease use of the device immediately;

(4) Where appropriate, that the device is subject to a mandatory recall order; and

(5) Specific instructions on what should be done with the device.

(b) *Implementation.* The person named in a cease distribution and notification order, or a mandatory recall order, shall notify the appropriate person(s) of the order by verified written communication, e.g., telegram, mailgram, or fax. The written communication and any envelope in which it is sent or enclosed shall be conspicuously marked, preferably in bold red ink: “URGENT—[DEVICE CEASE DISTRIBUTION AND NOTIFICATION ORDER] or [MANDATORY DEVICE RECALL ORDER].” Telephone calls or other personal contacts may be made in addition to, but not as a substitute for, the verified written communication, and shall be documented in an appropriate manner.

(c) *Contents.* The person named in the order shall ensure that the notice of a cease distribution and notification order or mandatory recall order:

- (1) Is brief and to the point;
- (2) Identifies clearly the device, size, lot number(s), code(s), or serial number(s), and any other pertinent descriptive information to facilitate accurate and immediate identification of the device;
- (3) Explains concisely the serious, adverse health consequences that may occur if use of the device were continued;
- (4) Provides specific instructions on what should be done with the device;
- (5) Provides a ready means for the recipient of the communication to confirm receipt of the communication and to notify the person named in the order of the actions taken in response to the communication. Such means may include, but are not limited to, the return of a postage-paid, self-addressed post card or a toll-free call to the person named in the order; and
- (6) Does not contain irrelevant qualifications, promotional materials, or any other statement that may detract from the message.

(d) *Followup communications.* The person named in the cease distribution and notification order or mandatory recall order shall ensure that followup communications are sent to all who

fail to respond to the initial communication.

(e) *Responsibility of the recipient.* Health professionals, device user facilities, and consignees who receive a communication concerning a cease distribution and notification order or a mandatory recall order should immediately follow the instructions set forth in the communication. Where appropriate, these recipients should immediately notify their consignees of the order in accordance with paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section.

§810.16 Cease distribution and notification or mandatory recall order status reports.

(a) The person named in a cease distribution and notification order issued under §810.10 or a mandatory recall order issued under §810.13 shall submit periodic status reports to FDA to enable the agency to assess the person’s progress in complying with the order. The frequency of such reports and the agency official to whom such reports shall be submitted will be specified in the order.

(b) Unless otherwise specified in the order, each status report shall contain the following information:

- (1) The number and type of health professionals, device user facilities, consignees, or individuals notified about the order and the date and method of notification;
- (2) The number and type of health professionals, device user facilities, consignees, or individuals who have responded to the communication and the quantity of the device on hand at these locations at the time they received the communication;
- (3) The number and type of health professionals, device user facilities, consignees, or individuals who have not responded to the communication;
- (4) The number of devices returned or corrected by each health professional, device user facility, consignee, or individual contacted, and the quantity of products accounted for;
- (5) The number and results of effectiveness checks that have been made; and
- (6) Estimated timeframes for completion of the requirements of the cease